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Renville administration broadcasts Tribal Council meetings live over Tribal radio station KXSW-FM

By CD Floro
Sota Editor

Hitting the ground running, SWO Tribal Chairman Bruce Renville is fulfilling a pledge to make Tribal government more transparent by having Council meetings broadcast live. Oyate can tune in the sessions live over KXSW-FM on 89.9 FM on the radio dial; or streaming over the internet at <http://kxsw899fm.wix.com/dakota/>.

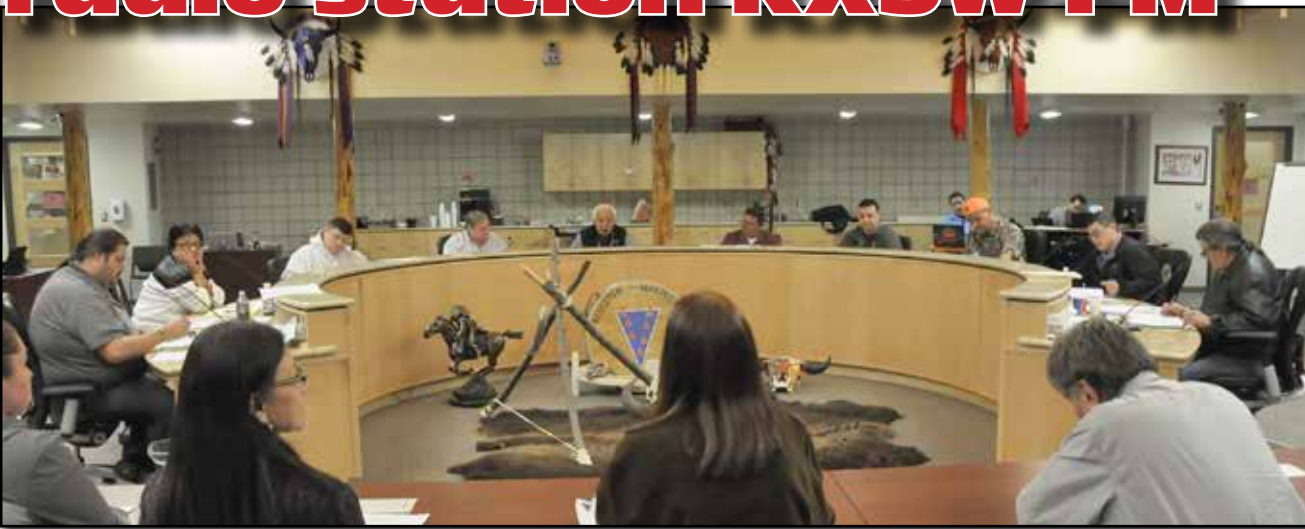
This service allows not only Oyate in the FM coverage area to listen, but those from anywhere as long as they have access to the internet.

Sota Reporter/Photographer John Heminger attended the first meetings this past week. He would like to do live video streaming, and we’re working on the technical issues to make that happen.

John noticed that while attendance was very light, if an issue ignited interest more and more people would filter into the Council chambers.

One issue that has raised a lot of questions is how Tribal Council, Tribal Court and REB have handled overturning general election results which had Crystal Owen as Tribal Secretary-elect in last November’s race. Lorraine Rousseau filed a challenge in Tribal Court and asked Oyate to sign a petition. (See related article.)

Here are photo highlights from the two days of meetings, held on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 13-14.



SWO Tribal Council meeting last week; meetings are now being broadcast live over Tribal radio station KXSW-FM on the air and on the internet.

NDSU, SWC partner to serve American Indian students

Fargo, N.D., Jan. 16 – Representatives from North Dakota State University and Sisseton Wahpeton College today signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at strengthening both institutions abilities to meet the needs of American Indian students.

The agreement is expected to help American Indian students pursue advanced degrees at institutions of higher learning.

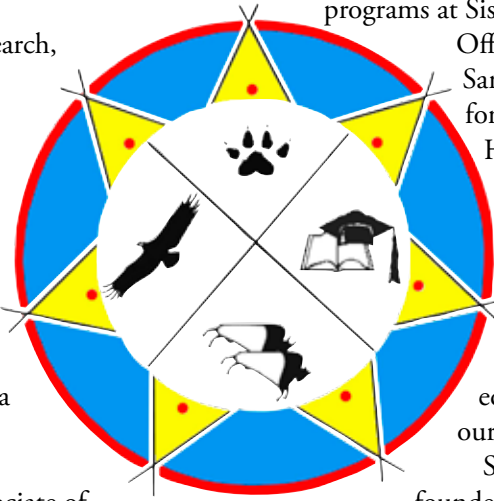
Sisseton Wahpeton College is using a \$1.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation’s Tribal Colleges and Universities Program to increase its science, technology, engineering and mathematics instructional and research capacities.

The agreement’s objectives include:

- Providing transitional programs and support services to facilitate the transfer of students between the institutions
- Developing a faculty exchange program, which includes teaching opportunities for NDSU graduate students
- Identifying collaborative research, scholarship and service-learning projects for both institutions’ students, faculty and staff
- Fostering cultural education and enrichment
- Developing an articulation agreement so that students participating in classes at Sisseton Wahpeton College can easily transfer to NDSU to pursue a bachelor’s degree

NDSU also will help Sisseton Wahpeton College establish an associate of arts degree in the behavioral sciences. The program will include a wide range of disciplines within the subject area. The agreement provides Sisseton Wahpeton College students with teachers in fields that are not often accessible to them.

Agreement expected to help American Indian students pursue advanced degrees



“We’re very excited about this opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Sisseton Wahpeton College, particularly by collaborating with them in establishing a program that will meet the needs of Native American students and help them to prepare for important leadership roles in tribal communities,” said Kent Sandstrom, dean of the NDSU College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Sisseton Wahpeton College students also will be introduced to NDSU research. The undergraduate research experiences are expected to help recruit and retain underrepresented students into STEM studies and careers, which is another goal of the Tribal Colleges and Universities Program.

“The connection of faculty to research and thereby the student to culturally and geographically relevant research is an important step in producing students who are more likely to pursue advanced degrees,” said Scott Morgan, director of institutional research and programs at Sisseton Wahpeton College.

Officials attending the signing included Sandstrom and NDSU Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Charlene Wolf-Hall, and Morgan and Sisseton Wahpeton College President Harvey DuMarce.

“I look forward to working with NDSU officials,” DuMarce said. “This memorandum of understanding will open up more educational opportunities for both of our institutions.”

Sisseton Wahpeton College was founded in 1979 and typically serves 200 to 250 students, mostly enrolled members of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. A similar memorandum of understanding was signed in 2014 with South Dakota State University. The National Science Foundation grant is No. 1361649.



Thursday, January 15 Council session – view from behind SWO Tribal Chairman Bruce Renville, Acting SWO Tribal Secretary Winfield “JR” Rondell. (Sota photo by John Heminger.)



Tribal Executives. (Sota photo by John Heminger.)



Buffalo Lake, Big Coulee and Toka Nuwan Tribal Council representatives. (Sota photo by John Heminger.)

Special Sota report –

Sisseton public school Title VII forum last week

By Sierra Wolcott
Sota Assistant Editor

The annual Sisseton School District Title VII public forum was held last Wednesday evening, January 14 in the multipurpose room at Sisseton High School.

There were four parents in attendance as well as the Title VII Board, Title VII employees, the Sisseton School Superintendent Dr. Stephen Schulte, SWO JOM Manager Robin Robertson, and representing the SWO Education Director Dr. Sherry Johnson.

Title VII Director Delphine Wanna opened the meeting with an overview of the program.

This school year, she reported, there are 598 students of Native American descent attending the Sisseton School District; that is out of 956 students total in the District.

Delphine submitted the Title VII annual certification to the Department of Education (DOE) on December 1st, 2014.

Sometime before April she will receive word on the budget amount for the next fiscal year. Title VII will then submit the next year’s objectives. For the current year objectives for the Program include attendance, math, and reading.

Dr. Johnson asked how results were quantified for goals.

Delphine Wanna explained that, as far as the application to the DOE, Title I Director Dr. April Moen submits student test scores. Title VII helps with tutoring, rides home after tutoring, school supplies, and has Ipads and laptops students can borrow. Program employees also make calls, she explained, when children are not at school.

Communication is an important role for Title VII employees. When students are missing school Title VII

makes contact with students, parents, and faculty to ensure the success of the student.

When asked how parents and students know about the services Title VII provides, parents were told there is a brochure given to all students when they register in the District for the first time.

Joy Lohre, who works with students at the High School expressed that the kids know her. When they need something they contact her.

A parent asked what the policy was on transporting students to appointments. Title VII employees can only transport students to IHS for behavioral health appointments. For dental and medical appointments students must be transported by a parent or guardian due to IHS regulations.

Many questions were asked in regard to attendance. It is mandatory to mail out a letter when students have missed ten total days. Tutoring or other measures may be decided at this point. If the absences are culturally related or due to medical/dental reasons the courts with most likely not become involved.

Board Chair Sherylin Marks asked Dr. Johnson what she believed would be the best system for getting kids to school.

Dr. Johnson replied that attendance is an issue everywhere. Having the parents come to a Board meeting to explain absences is one way to keep parents accountable, not only students. Dr. Johnson also stated that the Title VII Program is doing a good job. She stated that it would be a good idea for the Program to have quantifiable data. That way progress can be tracked.



Officials from NDSU and Sisseton Wahpeton College discuss a memorandum of understanding aimed at meeting the needs of American Indian students.

Sisseton Title VII forum
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Oyate question overturning
SWO Tribal Secretary general
election results



By CD Floro
Sota Editor
Candidates for Tribal office are ineligible to run for office if they owe debts to Tribal programs and/or entities and have not arranged to pay them by the deadline of the certification process. It is the responsibility of those programs/entities to identify unsatisfied debts and the Reservation Election Board to certify candidates. During the

process, candidates are given an opportunity to either pay the debt or pay on it and set up payments.

At that point, a candidate is eligible for certification. Or not. Certification is not given to candidates who will not satisfy the program/entity to which they are indebted.

It seems like a pretty clear process. It's been my experience that candidates serious about running have made good on old debts to the Sota Iya Ye Yapi in order to be certified.

But something broke down in the certification process here, if the Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority or REB – or both – failed to identify a debt owed to the Tribe by Crystal.

The SWHA report signed by Housing Director Floyd Kirk said that Crystal Owen owed no debt to the Tribe.

And so REB certified her as an eligible candidate to run in the SWO elections for position of Tribal Secretary.

If a debt had been reported, said Crystal, she would have taken care of it during the certification process.

There is a difference of opinion about whether or not SWHA should have considered a running account for housing, which was being paid off with payroll deductions, as a debt owed the Tribe. SWHA did not consider it as such.

But after the election, the other candidates went to court charging REB and SWHA for improperly certifying Crystal Owen.

Here are statements by Crystal Owen that describe the ordeal from her perspective:
January 13, 2015 –

Han Mitakuyapi, My relatives:
I have been thinking and praying long and hard about all that has happened to me in this 2014 SWO Tribal Election.

I want to fully explain to you, my supporters the circumstances that led up to this point. I keep going over it in my mind trying to make sense of it all.

I made the decision to run for Office of Tribal Secretary because I felt I was ready.

In January 2014 I started calling around to the Tribal entities asking if I owed them any debt. I checked and I double checked. I picked up and paid what needed to be paid. I felt good. I felt confident that day that I filed my application to the Reservation Election Board and paid my \$250.00 fee.

I waited through all the time frames that REB set up. I waited through the time frame when Tribal members have the opportunity to challenge any candidates.

Finally, in July I was certified by the Reservation Election Board. In September I made it through the Primary Election. On October 30th (about a week before the General Election).

(A political appointee working for the Tribal

Secretary) put out on Facebook that I was dishonest and that I owed Tribal Housing \$6000.00 so I should get out of the election.

Of course I was upset about it but I chalked it up to a poor attempt at political bashing against me. I knew this woman worked for the Tribal Secretary and ... she already had a personal vendetta against me.

Despite this fabricated information being put out there I still managed to win the General Election.

The Tribal Council on the night of November 4th after the General Election made a motion to accept the election results and not one of them opposed.

Frances Crawford my opponent came up and shook my hand.

Then all three of my opponents filed an injunction against me in Tribal Court.

I hired a lawyer to represent me. I didn't think they had justifiable evidence against me saying I caused erroneous voting, saying that I found loop holes and that I duped voters into voting for me because I had a debt.

Judge Jones didn't make a decision and referred it back to the REB for a hearing. My lawyer and I attended the hearing and the information we heard, we thought was good.

We were confident the REB would rule in my favor but they did not. The REB is made up 6 women who I think all have a conflict of interest. The majority of them are tribal employees working under the Tribal Secretary. Despite all of that I went in there and I told the truth.

SWO Housing Director DID NOT CONSIDER MY HOUSING ACCOUNT A DEBT. So I was never afforded the opportunity to pay anything. I never had my hearing back in July or August when those types of conflicts should have taken place because Floyd Kirk did not consider it a debt and signed my REB form accordingly.

Well REB took the position that SWO Housing Director SHOULD have considered my account as of April 30th a debt and therefore disqualified me. To be perfectly honest I did not consider my rent account a debt that was worthy to disqualify me. I had payroll deduction to the SWO Housing Authority up until April 30th. What I owed on my account as of April 30th was not rent but was water and appliance fees. I wasn't being charged enough through payroll deduction to cover those because when Housing took on the responsibility to maintain those homes for IHS they were not clear about how to charge those amounts to the tenants. Not only Floyd but two of his employees also testified that they did not consider it a debt. I said it once and I will say it again. It was an active, live account. I live there. I had payroll deduction and I was doing drug testing work for the Housing for which I was to get a credit to my account.

There is nothing in the REB codes that say candidates cannot fall behind on their Housing payments after the April 30th deadline date.

I live in IHS housing where rent and other charges are nearly 1000 per month. Any amount owed after April 30th should have no bearing on my candidacy status.

The Codes do not allow for circumstances if Tribal Program directors do not consider candidate accounts as debt. Now, had the SWO Housing Director said I had a debt back in April I would have had the opportunity to pay. I was never given that opportunity. My opponents got ahold of confidential information after the fact and spread it all over Facebook via their supporters.

I did nothing wrong but WIN the election Fair and Square!

Now this fight is separating families and our community and I apologize for that. It's also been hard

Social “helper” column dedicated to young generation Oyate –



By Shay Dirtseller

Dear Shay:
I am writing just so my question and voice will be heard and I feel comfortable in knowing you will allow me to do so. So thank you beforehand.

Now, my question to all these young women, ages 17-30, why are so many of you quick to be with the Mexican men in Veblen? Do you think it is exotic to speak Spanish?

You young women are so beautiful yet you insist on being with these men all because they have money, drugs, nice cars, etc. But do any of you realize that most of these men are using you? They use you to live in our Tribal housing and end up bringing all their relatives in with them. They abuse and beat on you women but yet you still stay! There have been stories of rape and diseases yet you all still seem blind to it and continue to flock to Veblen to meet a Mexican man.

Do any of you realize that they use Native girls to have children called “anchor babies?” Which means if the father gets deported all he has to do is say he has a child with a Native American woman and BOOM he is allowed to come back and have more kids with more Native women while he already has a wife and kids in Mexico, Guatemala, Puerto Rico or wherever they come from.

I see on Facebook so many of you girls going by your “Spanish nicknames” and speaking Spanish when a couple years ago you didn't know one word of Spanish! You all would rather learn Spanish then take the time and learn YOUR OWN language, the language of YOUR PEOPLE!

Ladies, you need to wake the heck up and realize that these men and their drugs are killing our people by not only trafficking drugs but young kids as well! I had a few friends who have dated one of the guys from Veblen so I've seen how they treated them and in some cases these men have even taken their children and left to different states with the kids. Now that alone is scarier

on my family and me. The only thing I am guilty of is winning the election and standing up for what I believe is right. I believe the voice of the people is important. When they elected me to the position of SWO Tribal Secretary I heard them loud and clear. I only wish my opponents would have listened as well. Additional –

The entire process in which the 2014 SWO Election was taken away from me was a violation of my rights but Tribal Court Judge Jones and the SWO Reservation Election Board didn't care. I believe the decisions they made were all politically motivated from the start. DO NOT let their decisions continue to disrupt Tribal Government. The REB, the Judge and now Tribal Council is allowing our voting rights to continue to be violated.

By approving and authorizing a new general election to be held with candidates they choose is NOT RIGHT!
If there is to be a new general election anyone who so chooses should be allowed to throw their name in the hat.
I'm thankful that I was granted an appeal with a new judge this Thursday, January 22nd at 8:00 a.m. at the SWO Tribal Court.

than anything I could possibly imagine, but I also saw how other young girls thought it was just the bees knee to be taken shopping or being drunk at their parties or meeting up with them just because they had money and cars.

Do you women think so little of yourself? Do you not know your worth as beautiful DAKOTA WIYANS? PLEASE WAKE UP AND REALIZE YOU DESERVE SO MUCH MORE!

Signed,
Dakota Winyan.
Dear Dakota

Winyan:
Thank you for your words and the passion in your letter. I have seen this too. I also believe you hit the nail on the head with this letter which means I will let it speak for itself and hope it reaches the young women of our Oyate. It is bad enough that the same trafficking, drug problems and other issues are plaguing our neighbors in North Dakota but to have all of this so close to home ... it's frightening.

Well, I hope people read this, especially the young women in our community. Again thank you for your letter!

Respectfully, Shay.
(Editor's note: My own family has ties to loving Hispanic people. We cannot judge any people by a group. In this case, as has been alleged and brought out in our SWO grassroots solutions meetings there really are Hispanic people in Veblen and elsewhere on our Lake Traverse Reservation who are doing just what this letter says. This must be tolerated no more. Oyate, do not be intimidated into remaining silent. Call Tribal Law Enforcement, giving your name and all the information you know. And be willing to go into Tribal Court. This must not continue. The children, the most vulnerable are being born addicted to meth, to cocaine, to heroin. Our young girls are being prostituted. We know the problem. Fear and intimidation must not continue. We have warriors. Hey stand up against them and their supposed gang ties.)

I want to thank everyone for all of the support. This has been a very trying time for all of us. One of the lessons that I have learned from this entire experience is summed up in this post from Lorraine Rousseau: “I too am seeing people standing up and speaking out for what they believe in. I have seen people that I would never would have thought, stand up and voice their concerns and that was one of the most empowering things I have seen in a long time! That's the only way that things are going to change, we can no longer accept the status quo.”

Now I don't know what is going to happen on Thursday but I want all of my family, my friends, my relatives, my supporters, to know that you have given me hope! I appreciate each and every one of you and all of your good words!
Wopida Tanka!

In the event the independent judge rules against Crystal, there is a petition being circulated by Lorraine Rousseau for Oyate to sign that supports Crystal Owen's case.

The Sota will report on outcome of Thursday's hearing online and in next week's edition.

Buffalo Lake District
honors elders

Buffalo Lake District has honored two of their most distinguished elders for the year 2014. The honorees selected were Lorraine M. Rosseau and Geno Demarrias.

Lorraine's lifelong achievements and dedication to her district are remarkable. Her latest accomplishment was her being selected as nominee for the prestigious “Spirit of Dakota” award in September, 2014. Lorraine continues to work for the District.

Geno's achievements also well noted. Geno has worked mainly behind the scenes as a Volunteer for the Elderly Affairs program and his strong advocacy and commitment for the Tribes Elderly abuse team. His dedication and input for District affairs are remarkable.

Both honorees were awarded a monetary gift for their special services to the Tribe and most of all the Buffalo Lake District.



Lorraine Rousseau, one of the elders honored by Buffalo Lake District.

Services pending for
Yvonne Wilson

Yvonne Wilson, age 70, of Salem, OR journeyed to the Spirit World on January 16, 2015.



Robin Robertson submitted to Dr. Schulte a request from the Johnson O'Malley Board to have a drum sing an honor song at graduation. Dr. Schulte explained that an honor song will be performed. The senior class usually requests and pays for that. Dr. Schulte was also asked if caps could be beaded or plumes could be worn during graduation. Plumes can be worn, he responded, but he was not sure about beadwork on caps.

Robin Robertson asked the board when election for a new Board member would be. Delphine Wanna and Sherylin Marks both replied. They expressed that when they have elections no one shows up. They said they will either have an election or appoint someone to the vacant seat as soon as they have completed edits to the board by-laws. Robin offered assistance with an election when the time comes.

Dr. Johnson offered assistance to the Board in regard to communications with the Tribe.

I asked if a cultural sensitivity training had been found for faculty and staff (Principal Dan Yost of Westside Elementary said at a Parent Advisory meeting that he had asked Delphine to look into such training). Delphine responded that Mr. Yost had not, in fact, asked her to look into training, but that she would ask. Title VII does not have time to do cultural activities like they used to, she said, because of No Child Left Behind.

Sherylin and Delphine thanked everyone for

coming and announced the next monthly meeting of the Board would be held February 11th in Dr. Schulte's office.

Editor's personal note:
I want to thank the Title VII Program for their hard work and dedication to the children. My son, who has a difficult time in school due to autism, connected with Title VII employee Gordie Robertson and it made all the difference in his day. That is what it's all about. Our children. I am thankful that our children have this program in the school.

Also, at the meeting I asked Dr. Schulte to explain how he utilizes the Title VII Board for advice on curriculum and cultural matters. Here is why I asked that:

When the Tribe requests to the School Board that a Native American Parent Committee be created Dr. Schulte explains that the Title VII Board helps with cultural decisions in curriculum, etc. According to Title VII Board members, that is not the case, and they prefer it that way so that they may focus on Title VII specific goals.

After I clarified the question for him, Dr. Schulte responded to the question with “whatever.”

I don't ask these questions to upset anyone. I ask in hopes to clear the air. To extract the truth and move on. At the moment, there is not a committee that the School District goes to with questions regarding Tribal student's needs. The need for a Native American Parent Committee is apparent. Title VII Board has very specific goals, not inclusive of the items Dr. Schulte had mentioned.

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Editorials

Sota editorial –

Calling riders to the storm

Hau mitakuyapi, sunkan-wakan akicita! As in generations of ancestors when called to protect the village to save lives of the women and children from enemy warriors, or wasicu soldiers again you are called, not to parade, not to share beautiful Dakota culture, not even this time for unity among the campfires or reconciliation, no this is a call to war within the homeland this is not a call to grand entry for oyate wacipi no, a real war, give it the name that it is, war to save the oyate to save the women and children being abused and drugged and killed by alien drug dealers who have come north as invaders into our seven districts of the Lake Traverse Reservation dealing death drugs, luring with those drugs and money and gifts, shiny things that cost our babies, prostitute our young children and paralyze our community in fear afraid of what? naming our own

children for the court? signing a complaint? oh no, if you do that the gangs might get you in your bed at night, or on the road pull you over and end your life courage is not fearlessness, no it is accepting fear but standing up to do what your heart understands you must do for yourself and for your people, your oyate, your tiospaye here is war and a storm, come ride come saddle up your ponies and ride through our districts, up and down the streets where our beautiful young women are being raped where babies are growing inside women being fed the poisons of meth, cocaine, heroin where children are being sold, no more no more, no more, come and saddle up get your ponies and ride, you ride for the Dakota 38 plus two now come ride for the screams of the little ones dying at the hands of the aliens here let them know their gang strength will never be enough to withstand you riders, our akicita will end this destruction, yes, this is war, this is war, aho!

-- CDF

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On and Off the Rez

Brief commentaries from the Sota editor

Pidamiya to our columnist Shay (DuMarce) Dirtseller.
Please take time to read this week's Wawokiyape column. Shay takes a letter from a Dakota winyan who bares the scab off a festering wound. A big part of the poison hurting our babies and families of our Oyate.
We encourage others to stand up. Be willing to sign charges for our Tribal Law Enforcement and Tribal Court.
Otherwise we will continue to live in fear and sink deeper in the ugly epidemic we've been addressing with our SWO grassroots solutions.
Looking forward to continuing these solutions meetings with Meth Prevention Coordinator Crystal Owen.

Our 147th annual SWO Wacipi photo gallery is online.
Check it out on our website:
<http://www.earthskyweb.com/news.htm>

Also online now is a photo gallery of John Heminger's coverage of the anti-racist mascot rally in Minneapolis two weeks ago.
John's pictures tell a great story of what happened, and how much our own Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate participated in this major event.
Please note that besides his Native crafts John has prints and cards available of his pictures.
Watch for more information about how to place an order in future issues of the Sota.

Brand new: Web photo gallery of our 2014 Wokiksuye Ride coming this week on our website. This gallery will include all of John's pictures.

Elder's Meditation:
"In our story of Creation, we talk about each one of us having our own path to travel, and our own gift to give and to share. You see, what we say is that the Creator gave us all special gifts; each one of us is special. And each one of us is a special gift to each other because we've got something to share." -- John Peters (Slow Turtle), WAMPANOAG
We are all equally special. We need to focus on what is right for ourselves. As we focus on what is right for ourselves, we will start to see our special gifts. Then we can see how to share our special gifts with others. If we focus on what's wrong with ourselves, we will not be able to see our gifts. Then we will think we have nothing to give others and we become selfish and withdrawn. The more we focus on our good, the more we see the good in others. The more we see the good in others, the more we see the gifts they have to share. What you sees is what you gets! My Creator, today, let me use the gifts You have given me. Let me use them wisely.

Words to consider (or, perhaps not!):
It is not necessary to understand things in order to argue about them. Pierre Beaumarchais (1732 - 1799)
Charm is a way of getting the answer yes without

asking a clear question. Albert Camus (1913 - 1960)
The most merciful thing in the world, I think, is the inability of the human mind to correlate all its contents. H. P. Lovecraft (1890 - 1937), "The Call of Cthulhu", first line
I have been through some terrible things in my life, some of which actually happened. Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)
The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn. Alvin Toffler
A satirist is a man who discovers unpleasant things about himself and then says them about other people. Peter McArthur
No man ever listened himself out of a job. Calvin Coolidge (1872 - 1933)
In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)

Pidamiya to everyone who helps provide news and photos each week for our Sota readers! I've always appreciated the help, and especially now while I am dong rehab and have restricted mobility. It will be some time before I'm able to get out and about again.
We have a team helping with the news-gathering, and I am grateful for their help.
Sierra Wolcott is serving as Assistant Editor; DaVonna Keeble Reporter/Photographer; and John Heminger Reporter/Photographer.
Shay Dirtseller (formerly DuMarce) is continuing to provide the social column.
My daughter Christy is our office/distribution manager.
Contact information, printed below, remains the same.

The Sota is always looking for news of the Oyate. If you have information and/or photos of newsworthy happenings in your family or community, please consider sharing with your Sota staff.
For submission deadlines and other information, see below:
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The editor can be reached at the following e-mail address:

Open Letter to the Oyate

To the honorable Bruce Renville:
I left a phone message to fund the travel for two, I'm returning with the Crown Prince of Judah by both Bloodlines and Ascension to the Celestial. This is the Holy Man I keep speaking about.
There are no longer the Levites to support the works of prophets. So He is relying on our charity to function.
He is going to establish a government. He could make for the tribe "a government greater than the federal government."
"A blood oath exists, the One Greater than the oath, wishes to speak to His Other Relatives."
The reason our past leaders were stuck in the clouds (Cloud Man, my ancestor for example) is because no one else could go further. "He Who Rises Above the Clouds wishes to speak to Tribal Council."
Shiloh does the choosing of the nation, This is our tribal nation, He has chosen our tribe. This is Shiloh's nation by birthright.
He has chosen a people to purify for Himself.
The land rightfully belongs to Shiloh by God's providence. "I wish to show them the land above the clouds. The tribe that was given dominion of the clouds was also a promise to Shiloh, that the dominion is His House and that which is above the clouds is His kingdom. To establish the two together bringing with the union a government greater than that of the present world government.
So the promise to the tribe from Shiloh is to rebuild his house of dominion which is his chosen tribe. That which the Lost Earl brought was just a down payment until the time of Shiloh's arrival to the Sissetons and Wahpetons Dakota house of dominion." Let's do all we can for Him, do we want a blessing or a curse? Consider this quickly, He's waited for a month already. He wants to speak directly to Tribal Council (face to face) and brings blessings to redeem if accepted.
He has spiritual food for us, what is more precious for us?
Respectfully, Charnelle Hill.

Open Letter to the Oyate

Greetings and a happy new year to all!
A few weeks ago I read a heartbreaking story about a young girl that plays basketball in another state. Our young athletes at TZ are very much aware of the racism that exists on the basketball court and more or less accept it as a "known" and go ahead and play anyway and hope to win.
My story is about the same issue of discrimination and racism that existed in the (my) 1950-1951 school year. First of all our coach was a Norwegian and of course he favored all the Norwegian and German athletes on the team and more so if their dads owned a business. Every Sunday these high "mucky mucks" attended the First Presbyterian Church next to the (now) middle school that no longer exists as a high/ middle school.
The make-up of the first ten consisted of us four Natives and the rest were as I described above. Our cheerleaders, in some of their cheers, consisted of ugh, ugh and would whoop and holler and try to do a dance

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around the middle circle. I guess in these days we really didn't think too much about this, but to me, my focus was on the BB court. There were many times I and the other three Natives, would hope we would get in more playing time, but to no avail.
In one game with New Effington, a player from New Effington went to the referee and he called time out and went over to our coach and said I was playing too tight a defense on the Wasicu player and the coach just looked at me and took me out of the game. I would return later in the fourth quarter to win the game for Sisseton.
In another game with Britton, I shot a sideline shot, with my back to the basket and swished it. The crowd went wild!! End of third quarter, in the huddle, I thought I would be congratulated but instead he said, "You're getting too fancy" and again took me out of the game.
In our last District game at Webster, it was halftime and I was the last one off the court. Our coach was in front of me and the entire team was ahead of him, as they worked their way through the crowd. The "sucko" five had their friends hand them a cigarette and they puffed away as we went to the locker room. The coach saw them all smoking. For sure, I thought they would be kicked off the team!! But, no, he said we will start the usual five. In retrospect, our coach preached time and time again if he caught anyone smoking, they would be dropped from the team immediately. Well, this never happened. I remained convicted that if any of us Dakotas were involved we would have been history. So much for racism and bigotry.
A few years ago, I watched the boys BB game with Wilmot and sure enough the refs were Wasicu's and the box score told the story. TZ had 35 personal fouls and Wilmot had just 6 fouls. Sound familiar?
In closing, my heart goes out to that young lady who loves to play basketball, but has some major problems with the racist referees who help their team win at all costs. Remember, never give up!!
Thank you.
Sincerely, Elwood Greybuffalo Sr.

Chinese musicians coming to Sisseton in February

Sisseton's World Fest Committee is preparing for musicians from China to visit the area the first week in February.
The public is invited to experience the joyful music of the folk-fusion band Shanren at a free concert Friday, February 6, at 7 p.m. at the Sisseton Performing Arts Center. This popular group of four "mountain men" from southwest China fuse indigenous folk music with modern music styles from around the globe.
This will be the final of four residencies to visit Sisseton in the past two years through a partnership with Arts Midwest. Previous groups have been Le Vent du Nord from Quebec, Baladino from Israel, and Paulo Padilha and Group from Brazil.
Visit ArtsMidwestWorldFest.org for more information.



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Children In The Digital Age: Media Culture and Children’s Rights



By Sonia J. Magat, D.O., Ph.D.

Children from all over the world, the new internet users, which make up about 2/3 of the 3 billion users, are under 24 years of age. They are developing technological competence in learning, engaging, socializing and participating in the global society using digital tools.

These children, also called “millennials” are the first to grow up digital. The new generation of children are getting immersed in the new media culture that is being developed online by many non-profit organizations, educational institutions and government agencies, creating opportunities for them to communicate with others and explore the world of art, literature and even politics. They have developed distinctly different attitudes from their parents. They are loyal to their careers, prefer to do challenging work and a choice of where and when to work, searching for work environment that is enjoyable for them (www.theguardian.com). They value family over money, think highly of themselves (narcissistic attitude) and expecting to receive commendations for their performance often.

It is the hope of parents that the new media culture which provide learning opportunities outside school will support their children’s educational growth. However, there are risks for children in the digital age which include:

- Exposure to violence
- Access to inappropriate content
- Issues of privacy and cyberbullying

Some kids complain that they are being “excluded online” or being “defriended”. This is due to the fact that the kids are being forced to be “social” before they have become “socialized”. Some social networking sites feature a lot of “gossipy drama” that people write about themselves, as in Facebook. To protect children using digital technologies, the Communications Decency Act (CDA) establishes regulations to protect minors from pornography in the Web and the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) regulate the collection of personal information from children. All the blame should not fall on the Web. The parents need to educate themselves too.

The UNICEF publication “Children’s Rights In The Digital Age” announced the “digitally connected” symposium which was held this year co-hosted by Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University and UNICEF. The 150 participants from all over the world discussed on “mapping and exploring the global state of research and practice in the field”. Some messages that came about from the symposium are:

1. Children around the world think that access to digital media is a fundamental right.
2. Children experience digital media as being “positive” in their lives.
3. Literacy provides the evaluated skills required to access produce and participate in the digital media.
4. Children understand that digital rights are closely related with their human rights.
5. Children’s safety is vital. They must be encouraged to develop their own language, views, strategies and interests.
6. Children see digital media as ways to learn new skills, develop their talents, contribute to their communities and become informed citizens of the world.
7. Children take active steps to keep themselves safe.
8. Children know that the rights they enjoy in the digital media come with real responsibilities and by understanding consequences, they are being personally accountable for the ways their online interactions impact others. They want adults to trust them to use digital media wisely.
9. Children want to be involved about ongoing conversations on how to use digital media to support their rights.

The conclusion from this symposium is that even with the risks to children involved in the access to digital media, it is “absolutely important to listen to the children’s voices rather than assuming what is best for them” said Philip Chan, UNICEF Australia Young Ambassador.

Parents need to educate themselves and protect themselves and their children in the digital age.

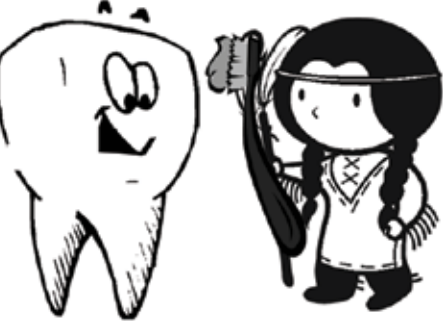
Tips to Protect Your Children in the Digital Age from Darkness to Light website www.d2l.org:

1. Get educated – And educate your children. Learn how kids use the internet and spend time with them in the digital world. Remember that internet is interactive, unlike conventional media. “Virtual” safety is as important as “real world” safety.
2. Safety first. Keep the computer in a common area of the house and set reasonable limits on computer usage. Show kids the value of privacy by protecting their password and personal information. Use privacy settings to restrict access as well as monitoring and filtering software that restrict what websites kids can visit and tracks where they have been.
3. Know and enforce age appropriate online experiences- Children under 8 years should have direct supervision while online. Kids from 8-12 years should have more freedom, but an adult should be close by. It is important to set rules early and encourage ongoing conversations.
4. Discuss expectations for appropriate conduct- Ongoing frequent communications are vital to keeping your kids safe. Discuss what appropriate online conduct looks like. Encourage a “think before you post” attitude. Write down the rules and keep them near the computer.
5. Get and stay involved- Share your internet safety plan with other parents as a means to set expectations and offer and gain support. Stay alert on your children’s behavior. Check if they are becoming secretive about computer time. Understand how, when and where to report suspicious behavior online.

Overall, children must be allowed to participate in the goal of digital literacy, safety for all, identity and privacy. The new generation of children “possess the skills to win the world”. Give them encouragement.

This one of a series of articles from the Early Childhood Intervention Program. Your questions and comments are welcome.

For people with Diabetes and those who love them.....



One dental cleaning a year can reduce your blood sugar level



Peggy Peters 742-3653 or visit *Circle of Smiles* at WWKMHC

Brain wave technology helps returning soldiers suffering with PTSD

Washington, DC – January 13, 2015 – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder [PTSD] has been the bane of many veterans who fought in the Iraq and Afghan wars, causing insomnia, panic attacks, alcohol abuse and even suicidal thoughts. Until now, there were few, if any, effective treatment alternatives. But, a new procedure using Magnetic Resonance Therapy developed at the Brain Treatment Center may hold the key to a cure.

Veterans who have successfully undergone the MRT treatment use terms like “miracle,” “game-changer” and “waking up” to describe the results they achieved at the BTC facility in Newport Beach, CA.

PTSD, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens, is “what we used to call ‘battle fatigue’ or ‘shell shock’ and it manifests itself in variety of debilitating ways. Returning soldiers are awakened in the midst of war-based nightmares. They experience panic attacks and some harbor thoughts of taking their own lives. One report showed an 80% increase in suicides among soldiers returning from the war fronts in the Middle East during the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

AMAC is keeping a watchful eye on the MRT treatment alternative because of its potentially effective use in the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease. “But, the fact that it is helping our wounded warriors to cope with the aftermath of war is an important first focus.”

Many of the PTSD treatments to date have focused on the symptoms of the disorder; the MRT

procedure appears to concentrate on the workings of the brain, itself. As Dr. Kevin T. Murphy, Vice Chair of the Department of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences, UC San Diego Medical Center, put it: “Addressing the core frequency mismatch that occurs in various parts of the brain, and not the patient’s symptoms per se, allows this system to be potentially useful in numerous psychological and neurological disorders, from autism to Alzheimers.”

Dr. Yi Jin, medical director of the Brain Treatment Center, is careful in an encouraging way when he describes the successes of the BTC’s new therapeutic approach. “We are not claiming efficacy, but we are seeing clinical responses that are positive.”

Both Murphy and Jin are believers and intent on proving the efficacy of their approach. As Murphy, whose 10-year-old son is afflicted with Asperger’s syndrome, told Richard Leiby, a senior writer at the Washington Post: “Right now it’s like we’re selling snake oil. It’s hard to believe, and if I hadn’t had my own son treated, I wouldn’t have believed it.”

The child underwent months of therapy and has shown extraordinary improvement as a result.

Likewise, Iraqi war veteran Jon Warren says he recovered from acute PTSD after he was treated with Magnetic Resonance Therapy. He no longer suffers from the extreme combat flashbacks and nightmares that made him dysfunctional. They set “my [brain] frequencies right” and his life is returning to normal.

Key to the treasure

By Richard P. Holm MD

A 92 year old retired college professor patient of mine, who seems significantly younger than his stated age, walks a mile and half every day. He said to me on his own one time, “When you exercise every day, you feel so much better. Why don’t people do it?”

I think part of the problem is that getting started hurts a little, but maybe it is also because our motives are misplaced.

In a recent study of more than 10,000 middle aged-to-older men over a 12 year period of time, researchers discovered that weight training helped reduce abdominal fat while aerobic exercise did best with overall weight control. Their conclusion: a combination of weight training and aerobic exercise makes a person look best.

What I did not like about that research was, once again a study seemed to speak to appearance, how the person looks in the mirror, rather than quality of life.

In this colder, darker, wintertime, after-holiday season, as the New Year begins, we find ourselves reassessing the errors of the past and making resolutions to change. After a year of inactivity and a month of holiday treats and celebration, too many of us resolve, “I

have to lose weight.”

And during this season, almost every magazine advertises methods to lose weight and “look better” with a pill, a supplement or an easy trick. Not only are these profit-driven, dishonest scams playing on our desires to be something we are not, the real truth is they don’t work. Even legitimate plans for eating correctly and exercising reasonably are destined to cause sustained weight loss in only a very few (less than 10% over one year, less than 1% over five years). Indeed if it is your intent simply to lose weight, you are destined to be disappointed.

Of course it is important to eat a balanced diet, avoiding excessive quantities, especially empty carbohydrates. But our goal should be to feel better and be healthier, rather than simply to look thinner, and I think the key to this treasure is with exercise.

To that end all of us should make a New Year’s resolution to get started. EVERY DAY should not end without about thirty minutes of exercise of some kind. Start with a walk.

It hurts a little to get going, but then, “When you exercise every day, you feel so much better.”

February:American Heart Month

What are the signs or symptoms of a heart attack?

Someone having a heart attack may experience several symptoms, including:
Chest pain or discomfort that doesn’t go away after a few minutes.

Pain or discomfort in the jaw, neck, or back.

Weakness, light-headedness, nausea (feeling sick to your stomach), or a cold sweat.

Pain or discomfort in the arms or shoulder.

Shortness of breath.

If you think that you or someone you know is having a heart attack, call 9-1-1 immediately.11111

Information taken from American Heart Association and the Centers for Disease Control
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Creating a River friendly home

There are so many ways we can protect our precious ground and surface water resources. In order to do this, River Keepers encourages everyone to ‘think outside the drop.’ This means we should think of as many ways as possible to conserve water and protect our current status of good water quality within the Red River Basin.

One place to start is fixing leaks in and around your home. Do you know that about 14% of the average American household water use is from leaks?

The biggest culprit is faucets, but don’t forget to check showerheads, toilets and irrigation systems. Installing a faucet aerator can save up to 1 gallon per minute.

Recycling is an easy way to save water and it’s good for environment. The average American household creates over 1,000 pounds of trash a year and about 60-70% of it can be recycled. Check with your local waste management company to find out how and where to recycle in your area.

Nonpoint source pollution is our nation’s largest source of water quality problems. Help keep pet waste, litter, leaves, grass clippings, debris and cigarette butts out of our storm drains (grated openings in streets) because whatever goes down these drains goes directly to the river, not a wastewater treatment plant.

Dispose of household hazardous waste (anything labeled toxic, dangerous or poisonous), paints and other dangerous chemicals properly by bringing them to the household hazardous waste facilitates provided by your town and/or county. Check with your local pharmacy or police agency to see if they accept expired or unused medications; otherwise mix them with undesirable



materials (coffee grounds, flour, etc.) and hide in the trash can. Do not flush any of these items down the toilet/drain as many of the ingredients cannot be filtered by our wastewater treatment plants and will end up in our rivers and groundwater.

In wintertime, just because everything is frozen doesn’t mean our waters cannot be affected by our actions. Over 10 million tons of salt is used every year on our sidewalks and road systems to keep them clear of ice.

One thing to note is that salt is not effective under 25°F and is believed to be a cause of increased sodium levels in our waterways. Instead of salt, try to shovel before snow or ice accumulates or use sand or birdseed for traction on icy sidewalks and driveways.

Want to learn more? Attend River Keepers’ “Creating a River Friendly Home” class on Tuesday, February 10, 630-830pm at Moorhead High School. Contact Moorhead Community Education at (218)284-3400 or online at <https://communityed.moorheadschoools.org> to register!

Until the next Ripple Effect, The Red River Basin Commission (RRBC).

The RRBC is a grassroots organization that is chartered not-for-profit corporation under the provisions of Manitoba, North Dakota, Minnesota, and South Dakota law. Our offices in Fargo, ND and Winnipeg, MB can be reached at 701-3563183 and 204-982-7254, or you can check out our website at <http://redriverbasincommision.org>

SD Legislative updates

Report from Pierre from Senator Kent Frerichs

Week one
We are off and running with the 90th Session of the South Dakota Legislature. This is the start of my seventh year serving as a legislator and am proud to represent the northeastern area of our State. I will share from my experience each week during the 39-day legislative session. I have the privilege of being a member of the agriculture/natural resources, education and taxation committees. I farm and raise cattle and have spent time as a teacher so these committees work well for me.

The Governor delivered his State of the State with a strong focus on road/infrastructure funding. This is a much different perspective than we have ever heard from the Governor, because in the past, he has been adamantly opposed to any sort of a tax/fee increase. Stay tuned for the details, but right now it sounds like Governor Dugaard is proposing to increase the highway fuel tax 2

cents each year in perpetuity along with raising the excise tax up to 4% with those funds going to the State. Local governments would see more funding as well in vehicle registration increases. We also heard the Governor highlight the success of the dual credit programs where high school students can receive postsecondary credits. Unfortunately, the Governor failed to share his plan to address the current teacher shortage along with a plan to boost the number of teacher education candidates. I am also disappointed that we are embarking on yet another year where we as a State are not accepting the federal investment to offer medicaid expansion for our working poor. I will keep up the pressure on the Governor and his staff to look for ways to lend their support behind medicaid expansion.

On a more positive note, I am pleased to report that education, and especially teachers, are being given a positive outlook as we start the 2015 Legislative Session. We need to have positive attitudes to build education up and place

the importance on the individual teachers who truly make the young people of this State smarter. This is a welcomed approach and I only hope the momentum will continue. The battles over common core and merit pay for teachers are behind us, and the challenge in this crisis of teacher shortages is a reality. Teachers are professionals, and we should continue to look for ways to place that importance on the critical role they play in their students lives. I hear support among various fellow legislators that they would like to see an emphasis placed on increased teacher pay as long as the State support is matched with local property taxes.

I am very focused on working to garner support for Senate Bill 2. This is the result of our three-year regional watershed task force, and the bill would create natural resource river basins. We need to look at water management from an entire basin/watershed approach and not simply use the current county/political boundaries. These river basin districts will cover the entire state based on the watershed



Is Quitting Smoking On Your Calendar For 2015?

Try Second Wind A Smoking Cessation Program, Doctors say your more likely to stay quit if you use a quit program.

Classes starting January 29th at Woodrow Keeble Health Care Center, Community Health Education conference room 11:00am—12:00pm

Open to anyone eligible for services at the Sisseton IHS

It is known that 75% of the people who smoke want to quit. If you are ready to quit we are ready to help you

Call us at 742-3672 or 698-4204

Keep Tobacco Sacred

Wear Red Day

February is American Heart Month. The month is dedicated to promoting heart health and creating awareness of heart disease.

What is heart disease?

Heart disease is a term used to describe several different heart conditions. The most common is coronary artery disease— a disease that occurs when plaque builds up in the arteries that supply blood to the heart. Coronary artery disease can lead to a heart attack.

Heart disease affects both men and women.

If you have concerns about your heart health please speak with your medical provider.

American Heart Association
Centers for Disease Control and Preventio



boundaries and will have the authority to perform water projects and authorize projects. In our area of the State, we have the Red/ Minnesota River, Big Sioux and James River basins. Taxing authority with a maximum of one-third mill along with a locally elected board of directors are two main components of the basin councils. Chief Justice Gilbertson delivered his State of the Judiciary highlighting the success of alternative sentencing that is saving all of us money. The Chief also shared his excitement over the newly created rural attorney recruitment program we created last year that is the first of its kind in the nation. Access to a local attorney is key all throughout the Mount Rushmore State.

Thank you for the privilege to represent you in Pierre. I welcome your input on the issues that you care about. Please follow the legislation via the Legislative Research Council website at legis.sd.gov. You can reach me at 949-2204 and sen.frerichs@state.sd.us.

Report from Pierre from Rep. Dennis Feickert, District 1

Week one
The first week of the 90th Legislative Session of the South Dakota Legislature has quickly

come to a close. I am proud and humbled to serve you in District 1 which includes parts of northern Brown County, Marshall, Roberts, and Day County. This is my fourth term in the House of Representatives. As all first weeks of the Session, it is an especially hectic time. Most committee work was confined to state agencies’ presentations. I serve on the House Agriculture and House Transportation committees.

Earlier this week, I spent time in two important briefings. The SD Department of Transportation provided an overview of the state of infrastructure in SD. Sen. Mike Vehle of Mitchell also spoke. He chaired a legislative Interim Committee on Highway Needs and Funding. This bipartisan committee spent the last 9 months traveling the state and holding hearings as they tried to determine the needs and the potential solutions. While the briefing didn’t get into any specific legislative proposals, it looks like all are in agreement that we must work now to fix our crumbling roads and bridges. I look forward to discussing the actual proposals in the upcoming weeks.

I also attended an informational briefing from Andy Gerlach and his staff from the SD Department of Revenue. In

addition, it was my pleasure to participate in a Legislative Panel Discussion at the annual Rural Water Association meeting held in Pierre. As rural communities they too have concerns about school funding, acknowledging that especially in small towns, the schools are the lifeblood of their community. We also discussed the proposed pipelines and what can be done to protect our acquirers.

The Governor’s State of the State speech on the opening day of the Session also emphasized infrastructure, especially roads and bridges. Costs of repairs escalate as time goes on. Counties and townships are cash strapped. There is much to do. Both the total amount which will be devoted to repairs as well as the taxes and fees which will finance the efforts will be a significant part of our deliberations this Session. This annual State of the State speech should in my opinion, missed the mark on a couple of topics. I was disappointed that the Governor omitted two of the most critical issues in our state: education and health care. We have put off a clear focus on teacher recruitment and retention in our state to the detriment of our future. You don’t



Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Diabetes Center

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Diabetes Center, in collaboration with the Indian Health Service, is funded through the federal grant, Special Diabetes Program for Indians. Therefore, fitness assessments are required by everyone to fulfill grant requirements and guidelines to continue to receive funding to operate on a daily basis. This includes the Tribal Council Executives and Representatives, Police department, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and non-natives (if requested). Every participant must sign in and out on the Exerfit in order to utilize the facility, equipment, nutrition education classes (AWM/ DPP), exercise classes, aerobics room, walking/running clubs, etc. Anyone who refuses to follow our grant requirements will not be allowed to use the facility. Fitness goals will be reevaluated every 60 days until goals are reached. When goals have been reached an assessment will not be required tell the next year.

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Diabetes Center

The SWO Diabetes Center will hosting a Wellness Challenge January 5—February 21, 2015. All memberships will be expired in the Exerfit January 1, 2015. **EVERYONE** is required to complete a physical assessment to participant in the Wellness Challenge.

- 6 weeks
 - Team of 3
 - Entry Fee \$30
 - Places 1st- \$300 2nd-\$200
 - 3rd-\$100
 - Open to EVERYONE (including non-natives)
- Point System
 - Weekly Team Challenge
 - Weekly Incentives to Team Winners
- For more Information Call the Diabetes Center:

(605)698.3922

SOTA IYA YE YAPI Education



Moccasin games at Tiospa Zina Tribal School. Photo by Mindy Crawford, who comments: "I love our school!"

Honoring our Tiospa Zina bus drivers

Submitted by Dr. Jennifer Heath

The Tiospa Zina High School Student Council members honored the bus drivers by presenting them with bags of M & M's.

Labels were printed on the bags of candy that said, "Pidamaya for driving 'M'iles and 'M'iles for our students."

In the photo are, from left: Delvin Lufkins, Mel Huff, Deb Bernard, Rodger Carlson, second row: Tom Lewno, Rex Owen, Dion Iyarpeya (student council member), Dustin LaBelle (student council member), Louie Quinn.

The next project for the student council is to visit elders at the Tekakwitha Nursing Home on Friday, January 23 and also read to the toddlers at Rainbow Daycare.



Tiospa Zina Wambdi 2014-15 Multiple Activities Schedule (as of 01-15-2015)

Activity	Time	Versus	Location	Location Detail
TUESDAY, JAN 20, 2015				
Wrestling Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			High School Cafeteria
GBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			SWC Gym
JH BBB Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			Cafeteria
Basketball: Boys JV-Varsity Game	6:30pm	Milbank	Tiospa Zina Tribal School	
WEDNESDAY, JAN 21, 2015				
Wrestling Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			High School Cafeteria
GBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			Tiospa Zina Gymnasium
BBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			SWC Gym
JH BBB Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			Cafeteria
THURSDAY, JAN 22, 2015				
BBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			SWC Gym
Wrestling Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			High School Cafeteria
Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Combined Game	4:15pm	TBA	Tiospa Zina Tribal School	
GBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	5:15pm-7:15pm			Tiospa Zina Gymnasium
FRIDAY, JAN 23, 2015				
Wrestling Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			High School Cafeteria
GBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			Tiospa Zina Gymnasium
BBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			SWC Gym
JH BBB Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			Cafeteria
SATURDAY, JAN 24, 2015				
Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Combined Tournament	TBD	Away vs. Enemy Swim	Enemy Swim, SD	
Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament	TBD	Away vs. Arlington	Arlington, SD	
Basketball: Girls JV-Varsity Game	2:00pm	Redfield-Doland	Tiospa Zina Tribal School	
Basketball: Boys JV-Varsity Game	3:15pm	Redfield-Doland	Tiospa Zina Tribal School	

ESDS Students of the Month are honored

By Rebecca Dargatz School Community Director Enemy Swim Day School
Enemy Swim Day School honors one student from each grade for each full month that school is in session.

The Students of the Month are chosen because they demonstrate the four school wide expectations consistently or have shown great progress toward them. The school wide expectations are ...

- Awanicihdka: Be Safe
- Waokihi: Be Responsible
- Waunsida: Be Caring
- Woohoda: Be Respectful

Home room teachers choose the Students of the Month in collaboration with the paras and other



teachers who serve a particular candidate. Students of the Month are honored during opening ceremony on the first Monday following each full month of school. Students of the Month attend dinner with two guests on the Wednesday evening following each Students of the Month honoring.

The January 2015 Students of the Month are: Kindergarten - Zitkana Cook, 1st Grade - Miley Contreras, 2nd Grade - Niya Gonsolves, 3rd Grade - Morning Star Red Eagle, 4th Grade

- Maclovio Rios, 5th Grade - Kylie Owen, 6th Grade - Akisa Manning-Peter, 7th Grade - Sammi Cooper, and 8th Grade - Eva Denny (Not Pictured).



Kindergarten student of the month Zitkana Cook.



First grade student of the month Miley Contreras.



Second grade student of the month Niya Gonsolves.



Third grade student of the month Morning Star Red Eagle.



Fourth grade student of the month Maclovio Rios.



Fifth grade student of the month Kylie Owen.



Sixth grade student of the month Akisa Manning-Peters.



Seventh grade student of the month Sammi Cooper.

Enemy Swim Day School Mid-Winter Wacipi Friday, Feb. 6, 2015

Mid-Winter Wacipi @ ESDS Gymnasium. Community Feed @ 5PM Grand Entry @ 7PM.



Mens and Womens combined contest in honor of all ESDS Alumni = sponsored by ESDS Sons and Daughters of Tradition.

Day money for all dancers and singers. *Spot Dances *Switch Dance contest *others to be announced.

Carbon Monoxide Questions and Answers

What is carbon monoxide (CO) and how is it produced?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly, colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. It is produced by the incomplete burning of various fuels, including coal, wood, charcoal, oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas. Products and equipment powered by internal combustion engines such as portable generators, cars, lawn mowers, and power washers also produce CO.

How many people are unintentionally poisoned by CO?

On average, about 170 people in the United States die every year from CO produced by non-automotive consumer products. These products include malfunctioning fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, ranges, water heaters and room heaters; engine-powered equipment such as portable generators; fireplaces; and charcoal that is burned in homes and other enclosed areas. In 2005 alone, CPSC staff is aware of at least 94 generator-related CO poisoning deaths. Forty-seven of these deaths were known to have occurred during power outages due to severe weather, including Hurricane Katrina. Still others die from CO produced by non-consumer products, such as cars left running in attached garages. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that several thousand people go to hospital emergency rooms every year to be treated for CO poisoning.

What are the symptoms of CO poisoning?

Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed. The initial symptoms of low to moderate CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever). They include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness

High level CO poisoning results in progressively more severe symptoms, including:

- Mental confusion
- Vomiting
- Loss of muscular coordination
- Loss of consciousness
- Ultimately death

Symptom severity is related to both the CO level and the duration of exposure. For slowly developing residential CO problems, occupants and/or physicians can mistake mild to moderate CO poisoning symptoms for the flu, which sometimes results in tragic deaths. For rapidly developing, high level CO exposures (e.g., associated with use of generators in residential spaces), victims can rapidly become mentally confused, and can lose muscle control without having first experienced milder symptoms; they will likely die if not rescued.

How can I prevent CO poisoning?

- Make sure appliances are installed and operated according to the manufacturer's instructions and local building codes. Most appliances should be installed by qualified professionals. Have the heating system professionally inspected and serviced annually to ensure proper operation. The inspector should also check chimneys and flues for blockages, corrosion, partial and complete disconnections, and loose connections.
- Never service fuel-burning appliances without proper knowledge, skill and tools. Always refer to the owners manual when performing minor adjustments or servicing fuel-burning equipment.
- Never operate a portable generator or any other gasoline engine-powered tool either in or near an enclosed space such as a garage, house, or other building. Even with open doors and windows, these spaces can trap CO and allow it to quickly build to lethal levels.
- Install a CO alarm that meets the requirements of the current UL 2034 safety standard. A CO alarm can provide some added protection, but it is no substitute for proper use and upkeep of appliances that can produce CO. Install a CO alarm in the hallway near every separate sleeping area of the home. Make sure the alarm cannot be covered up by furniture or draperies.
- Never use portable fuel-burning camping equipment inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent unless it is specifically designed for use in an enclosed space and provides instructions for safe use in an enclosed area.
- Never burn charcoal inside a home, garage, vehicle, or tent.
- Never leave a car running in an attached garage, even with the garage door open.
- Never use gas appliances such as ranges, ovens, or clothes dryers to heat your home.
- Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in any room where people are sleeping.
- Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. Doing so blocks the combustion air flow through the appliance and can produce CO.
- During home renovations, ensure that appliance vents and chimneys are not blocked by tarps or debris. Make sure appliances are in proper working order when renovations are complete.

What CO level is dangerous to my health?

The health effects of CO depend on the CO concentration and length of exposure, as well as each individual's health condition. CO concentration is measured in parts per million (ppm). Most people will not experience any symptoms from prolonged exposure to CO levels of approximately 1 to 70 ppm but some heart patients might experience an increase in chest pain. As CO levels increase and remain above 70 ppm, symptoms become more noticeable and can

include headache, fatigue and nausea. At sustained CO concentrations above 150 to 200 ppm, disorientation, unconsciousness, and death are possible.

What should you do when the CO alarm sounds?

Never ignore an alarming CO alarm! It is warning you of a potentially deadly hazard.

If the alarm signal sounds **do not try to find the source of the CO:**

- Immediately move outside to fresh air.
- Call your emergency services, fire department, or 911.
- After calling 911, do a head count to check that all persons are accounted for. DO NOT reenter the premises until the emergency services responders have given you permission. You could lose consciousness and die if you go in the home.
- If the source of the CO is determined to be a malfunctioning appliance, DO NOT operate that appliance until it has been properly serviced by trained personnel.

If authorities allow you to return to your home, and your alarm reactivates within a 24 hour period, repeat steps 1, 2 and 3 and call a qualified appliance technician to investigate for sources of CO from all fuel burning equipment and appliances, and inspect for proper operation of this equipment. If problems are identified during this inspection, have the equipment serviced immediately. Note any combustion equipment not inspected by the technician and consult the manufacturers' instructions, or contact the manufacturers directly, for more information about CO safety and this equipment. Make sure that motor vehicles are not, and have not been, operating in an attached garage or adjacent to the residence.



Pushes for high-speed Internet resources for Native kids

Washington, DC – January 14, 2015 – U.S. Heitkamp met with U.S. Technology Officer Megan Smith to discuss the need to help children in Indian Country succeed by increasing access to high-speed Internet on Indian reservations.

At the meeting, Heitkamp reinforced the need to invest in technology resources in Indian Country as according to a recent report from the Federal Communications Commission, almost 80 percent of North Dakotans living on tribal lands don't have access to high-speed Internet. Heitkamp and Smith also discussed the need for people with technical knowledge at federal agencies, like the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to help the government better respond to the needs of Native children.

“Our Native kids need the tools to compete and thrive in an increasingly digital world,” said Heitkamp. “These kids are passionate, motivated, and have the spiritual strength of their tribal communities, but without access to high-speed Internet, they remain at a disadvantage – and that isn't fair. That's why I've been fighting to promote access to high-speed Internet on our tribal lands, and for better resources for Native students. During the President's visit to Standing Rock, he and I spoke about this challenge, and this winter



U.S. Heitkamp meets with U.S. Technology Officer Megan Smith.

he then announced technology resources for Cannon Ball Elementary. We need to continue to get more technology resources for Native kids, and today's meeting reinforced the Administration's commitment to help Native kids grow.”

As a strong advocate for Native children, Heitkamp made sure to call attention to the dire need for resources for students at Standing Rock's Cannon Ball Elementary when President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama visited Standing Rock in June. Just four months after her call, Cannon Ball Elementary was chosen by Apple

– a private-sector White House ConnectED partner – to receive Apple educational technology in every classroom. Last month, President Obama cited his visit with students at Standing Rock as the impetus for the launch of his Generation Indigenous initiative to help provide greater opportunities for Native kids by helping lift the barriers they face in their quest to succeed.

During her meeting with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Tom Wheeler in May, Heitkamp stressed the need to improve and expand high-speed Internet access throughout North Dakota, particularly in Indian Country. In April, Heitkamp discussed ways to promote connectivity throughout the state and across rural America in a meeting with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Administrator John Padalino.

Long a proponent of increasing STEM education throughout North Dakota, Heitkamp continued to highlight the need for more investments in technology education programs during her visit with



students in Microsoft-partnership computer science programs at West Fargo High School this fall, and has advocated for STEM programs to help grow the state's burgeoning technology, research and general aviation industries. Last summer, Heitkamp helped secure \$850,000 in funding for STEM programs at North Dakota State University (NDSU), and Cankdeska Cikana Community College (CCCC).

Since her time as North Dakota's Attorney General in the 1990s, Heitkamp has been a strong and vocal advocate for North Dakota's tribes. Heitkamp has continued these efforts in the Senate. In fact, the first bill she introduced as a Senator would create a Commission on Native Children to conduct an intensive study into issues facing Native children – such as high rates of poverty, staggering unemployment, child abuse, domestic violence, crime, substance abuse, and few economic opportunities – and make recommendations on how to make sure Native children are better taken care of and given the opportunities to thrive. The bill passed unanimously in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in May. Heitkamp will reintroduce the bill early this new Congressional session.



Attention JOM Parents & Guardians:

Please submit your student's 1st semester grades from the Sisseton, New Effington and Wilmot Schools by February 5, 2015. This incentive is for JOM eligible Native American students within the Sisseton, New Effington and Wilmot Schools.

We are located across from the Sisseton Fire Department. (5 East Oak St.) Office hours are Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Sisseton JOM office also has a mail box at the SWO Tribal Headquarters if you would like to make a copy and drop them off. If you have any questions please call the office at 698-7604.

Happy Belated
9th Birthday
Austin Michael
Jan. 13th



Lots of Love
for You
Dad, Mom



Happy 3rd
Birthday
Dylan DeWayne
Jan. 27th



Lots of Love
for You
Your Family



Happy Belated
7th Birthday
Jenae Leanne
Rose



Lots of Love
for You
Your Family



ENEMY SWIM DAY SCHOOL
BASKETBALL TOURNEY
MS BOYS & GIRLS
Saturday, January 24th, 2015

Girls DIVISION

9:00 AM ESDS vs. TZTS

11:00 AM TZTS vs. Circle of Nations

1:00 PM Circle of Nations vs. ESDS

BOYS DIVISION

10:00 AM ESDS vs. Tiospa Zina

12:00 PM Tiospa Zina vs. Circle of Nations

2:00 PM Circle of Nations vs. ESDS

Full Concesssions Available

ADMISSION- Adults \$2.00 Students \$1.00

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Legal notices

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ACQUIRE LAND INTO TRUST

ACTION: Notice of decision to acquire land into trust pursuant to the requirements of the Indian Land Consolidation Act of 1983, as amended by the Act of November 7, 2000, also known as the American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA), pursuant to the provisions of 25 USC § 2216(c).

SUMMARY: The Sisseton Agency Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, on the below date, has made a final determination to acquire real property in trust for Donovan White, an enrolled member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate. The Superintendent shall acquire title in the name of the United States no sooner than 30 days after this notice is published. The land, also referred to as the Makacega Allotment, is herein described as land situated in the Fifth Principal Meridian, County of Marshall, State of South Dakota, described as follows:

An undivided 2563/38304 surface interest in Allotment 91330: Lot 1 in Section 10, T. 125 N., R. 53 W., containing 37.80 acres, more or less,

An undivided 2563/38304 mineral interest in Allotment M91330: Lot 1 in Section 10, T. 125 N., R. 53 W., containing 37.80 acres, more or less.

An undivided 2563/76608 interest in Allotment 91330 -A: Lot 7 in Section 3, T. 125 N., R. 53 W., containing 47.25 acres, more or less.

An undivided 2563/38304 interest in Allotment 91330 -B: Lot 9 and Lot 10 in Section 3, T. 125 N., R. 53 W., containing 60.30 acres, more or less.

The land, also referred to as the Martha Mniyata Allotment, is herein described as land situated in the Fifth Principal Meridian, County of Marshall, State of South Dakota, described as follows:

An undivided 2563/76608 interest in Allotment 345: Lot 3, Lot 4, Lot 5, and Lot 6 in Section 3; Lot 1 and Lot 8 in Section 4; all in T. 125 N., R. 53 W., containing 172.54 acres, more or less.

DATE: This determination was made on January 15, 2015. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Real Estate Services, Sisseton Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, PO Box 688, Agency Village, 57262, telephone (605) 698-3001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION; This notice is published to comply with the requirement found at 25 CFR § 151.12(b) that notice be given of the decision by the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land in trust.

A copy of the determination is available from the office identified in the “FOR FURTHER INFORMATION” section of this notice. Any party who wishes to seek judicial review of this decision must first exhaust administrative remedies. This decision may be appealed within 30 days of the date of publication of this decision. If you elect to appeal this decision, you or your attorney must file a notice of appeal with the Superintendent, Sisseton Agency, PO Box 688, Agency Village, South Dakota 57262. The date of filing your notice of appeal is the date it is postmarked or the date it is personally delivered to this office.

Your notice of appeal must include your name, address, and telephone number. It

should clearly identify the decision being appealed, if possible, attach a copy of the decision. The notice and the envelope in which it is mailed should be clearly labeled “NOTICE OF APPEAL.”

You may include a statement of reasons with your notice of appeal, explaining why you believe the decision being appealed is in error. If you do not include your statement of reasons with your notice of appeal, you must mail or deliver it to the Superintendent’s office within 30 days after you file your notice of appeal. The statement of reasons and the envelope in which it is mailed should be clearly labeled “Statement of Reasons.” It must be accompanied by or otherwise incorporate all supporting documents. You must send copies of your statement of reasons to all interested parties and the Regional Director.

Your notice of appeal must list the names and addresses of the interested parties known to you and certify that you have sent them copies of the notice. If you are not represented by an attorney, you may request assistance from the Sisseton Agency in the preparation of your appeal.

You must ALSO send copies of your notice of appeal to (1,) the Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 115 4th Ave. S.E., Suite 400, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and (2) all known interested parties. If no appeal is timely filed, this decision will become final for the Department of the Interior at the expiration of the appeal period, No extension of time may be granted for filing notice of appeal.

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE: D-15-174-703

IN THE MATTER OF THE
CHANGE OF NAME OF:

ABRIANNA JEAN-LYNN
RODLUND, Petitioner
**ORDER AND NOTICE OF
HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner’s request for a change of name from ABRIANNA JEAN-LYNN RODLUND to ABRIANNA LYNN DUMARCE shall be heard before the Honorable B.J. Jones, Judge of Tribal Court, in the Courtroom of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribal Court at Agency Village, South Dakota at 11:30 A.M. on the 26th day of JANUARY, 2015.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2014.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT:
/s/ B.J. Jones, CHIEF JUDGE
ATTEST:

E. Pfeiffer, CLERK OF COURTS

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 13-108

SWOCSE/ Keisha Godfrey,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
DERRICK FLUTE,
DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Complaint to Establish Child Support Arrears and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal

Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 9:00 o’clock A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

You are required to be at the hearing. Upon request, the OCSE Clerk will provide you with a copy of the Complaint describing the matter.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 15-026

SWOCSE/ TANF/Carrie HisGun,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
DERRICK FLUTE,
DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Complaint to Establish Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 9:00 o’clock A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 07-126

SWOCSE/ Betty Jo Kirk,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
NICOLE KIRK, DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

You are required to be at the hearing. If you fail to appear a Warrant will be issued and Bond set at the amount of the arrears. Upon request, the OCSE Clerk will provide you with a copy of the Motion describing the matter.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 00-372

SWOCSE/ Barbara Renville,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
NICOLE KIRK, DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 07-074

SWOCSE/ Melissa Bird,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
ZACH HILL, DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 14-044

SWOCSE/ Sapphire Morales,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
ZACH HILL, DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,

SWOCSE Clerk of Court

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SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 14-048

SWOCSE/ Brenda King,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
ZACH HILL, DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 13-096

SWOCSE/ Susan Peters,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
ERIN CAMPBELL,
DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Modify Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

You are required to be at the hearing. Upon request, the OCSE Clerk will provide you with a copy of the Motion describing the matter.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 14-052

SWOCSE/ Elsie Campbell,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
ERIN CAMPBELL,
DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Dated this 17th day of December,

2014
BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 13-182

SWOCSE/ Tessa Campbell,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
ERIN CAMPBELL,
DEFENDANT

ORDER OF PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF HEARING

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Establish Child Support Arrears and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

You are required to be at the hearing. Upon request, the OCSE Clerk will provide you with a copy of the Motion describing the matter.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. I: 11-081

SWOCSE/ Lorraine Wolfvoice,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
DAKOTA WOLFVOICE,
DEFENDANT

ORDER OF PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF HEARING

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 22nd day of January, 2014 at the hour of 9:00 o’clock A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

You are required to be at the hearing. If you fail to appear a Warrant will be issued and Bond set at the amount of the arrears. Upon request, the OCSE Clerk will provide you with a copy of the Motion describing the matter.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. I: 10-051

SWOCSE/ Arlene White,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
WILLIAM ARGO, Jr.,
DEFENDANT

ORDER OF PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF HEARING

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 22nd day of January, 2014 at the hour of 9:00 o’clock A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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**Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
Job Openings**

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate
is seeking to fill the following
positions(s):

Legal Analyst/Assistant, Legal
Department

Outreach Worker, Realty
Project Director/Outreach
Coordinator, Realty
Teacher, Early Head Start
Tutor (part-time), JOM
Administrative Assistant, Early
Childhood Intervention
Program

Tracking Paraprofessional,
Early Childhood Intervention
Program

Family Liaison/Intervention
Paraprofessional, Early
Childhood Intervention
Program

Program Manager, Child
Protection Program

Administrative Assistant/Office

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At Dakotah Pride Rehab Center
Outreach Building
Thursdays
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Alanon Meetings
At Dakotah Pride Rehab Center
Outreach Building
Mondays
6:00-7:00 p.m.

AA Meetings
Peever Community Center
Thursdays
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Contact information: Phone: 698-4400 Ext. 300;
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Oyate or contact Arnold
Williams at (605) 698-8238 or
Denise Hill at (605) 698-8362.
(Tribal preference will apply)

**Sisseton Wahpeton College
Position Opening**
Human Resource Manager
(Closing date 1/22/2015 at
4:30 PM).

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4	5	6	7	8	9 CLOSED DELIVERY	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Vacancy: Destination
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Qualifications: GED/High
School Diploma. If interested
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and Advisor Questionnaire
to the Human Resources
Department at Tiospa Zina
Tribal School. Opening Date:
April 11, 2014 Closing Date:
Open until filled

Vacancy: Rodeo & Riding Club
Advisor Qualifications: GED/

High School Diploma. If
interested please submit
an application and Advisor
Questionnaire to the Human
Resources Department at
Tiospa Zina Tribal School.
Opening Date: May 8, 2014
Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancy: Military Club Advisor
Qualifications: GED/High
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ATTENTION
LAKE TRAVERSE DISTRICT
MEMBERS

ANY LAKE TRAVERSE DISTRICT MEMBER INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR A BOARD, COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION...
PLEASE SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR DISTRICT SECRETARY NO LATER THAN 4:30PM FEBRUARY 2ND, 2015.

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NOTICE

OLD AGENCY DISTRICT MEMBERS

2015 Board, Commission and Committee Openings for Election:
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant at Arms
OAD Elderly Board 4 Positions
OAD Election Board 2 Positions (1-4 yr; 1-2 yr)
SWO Constitution Revisions Committee
SWO Elderly Advisory Board
SWO Environmental Protection Act Committee
SWO Fish and Wildlife
SWO Human Services Board
SWO Judicial Committee
SWO Pow Wow Committee
SWO Reservation Planning Commission
SWO Personnel
SWO Tax Commission
SWO Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance
Tiospa Zina Tribal School Board
Four Year Terms
CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015 AT 4:00 PM
Applications available at the OAD Center.

OLD AGENCY DISTRICT

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS
4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH - 6:00 PM-10:00 PM

JANUARY	26	2015
FEBRUARY	23	2015
MARCH	23	2015
APRIL	27	2015
MAY	25	2015
JUNE	22	2015
JULY	27	2015
AUGUST	24	2015
SEPTEMBER	28	2015
OCTOBER	26	2015
NOVEMBER	23	2015
DECEMBER	28	2015

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Attention
Heipa District Members

The Election for the Heipa Executives will be held on February 28th from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the District Center.
Closing date to run for an Executive position is February 10th at 4:30 p.m.

ATTENTION
LAKE TRAVERSE DISTRICT MEMBERS
LAKE TRAVERSE REGULAR DISTRICT MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 2015 AT 1 PM.

Attention
Lake Traverse Youth

The Lake Traverse District will be taking 2nd Quarter report cards. You may submit them to the district center. Deadline will be February 2, 2015.

ATTENTION
LAKE TRAVERSE DISTRICT MEMBERS
DISTRICT EXECUTIVES TELEPHONE NUMBERS
District Chairman-Beverly Thompson - 701-403-5667
Vice-Chairman-Darwin James - 268-3743
Treasurer-Chad Ward - 520-0625
Secretary-Janel Many Lightnings - 268-0161

Attention
Big Coulee District Members

The following is a list of candidates that have filed their letters of intent and the positions they have filed for. We will elect for these positions at the February 26, 2015 District meeting.

Chairman

Timothy L. LaBatte
Norma (Tiny) Perko
Emmett L. Amos
Danny White
Lydia (Susie) Rivera
David A. Spider

Vice-Chairman

Calvin Max Sr.
Thurman Frenier Sr.
Viva DuBois
Jason Eastman

Treasurer

Colette M. White
Lynn Halbert
Danielle DeCoteau

Secretary

Dawn Burley
Mary Jo Keeble (Bruyere)
Leslie Heminger
Carrie Godfrey-His Gun

NOTICE
LONG HOLLOW DISTRICT
MEMBERS

The following is a list of the upcoming District meetings:

December 27, 2014
January 24, 2015
February 28, 2015
March 28, 2015

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact Dawn or Val at 605-698-4005. Hours are 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday. You may also contact us through email at lhdistrict@outlook.com

Notice

Enemy Swim District Members
Meetings for Enemy Swim for the winter months have been changed to Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

January 24, 2015
February 28, 2015
March 28, 2015
April 25, 2015.

NOTICE OF ELECTION
Enemy Swim District

The Enemy Swim District Election Board and Council-elect have set the following dates for elections for our District:
Executive positions and boards and committees. (Boards and committees on terms do not have to file.)

January 12, 2015

District members will be notified in the Sota and Sisseton Courier those that have met Qualifications to run for office.

February 3, 2015

Elections will be held at the Enemy Swim Community Center from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Notices

Buffalo Lake District Members
District General Election

The District General Election will be held on Saturday, January 24th from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the District Center. The following are the Executive Positions and boards and or committees that will be voted on:

- District Chairman
 - . Louie Johnson
 - 2. Elwood Greybuffalo Sr.
- * District Vice-chairman
 - 1. John Lincoln
 - 2. Donovan White
- * District Election Board
 - 1. Jessica Cloud
 - 2. Darla King
 - 3. Darlene King
 - 4. Cassandra Mason
 - 5. Heather Williams
- * Natural Resources
 - 1. Elwood Greybuffalo Sr.
 - 2. Donovan White
- * OEP
 - 1. Elwood Greybuffalo Sr.
 - 2. Cynthia Starr
- * Human Services Board
 - 1. Elwood Greybuffalo Sr.
 - 2. Lisa Red Wing
- * SW Housing Authority
 - 1. Louie Johnson
 - 2. Donovan White
- * SW Hiring Committee
 - 1. Sara Lincoln
 - 2. Lorraine Rousseau
- * SWO Powwow Committee
 - 1. Ronnie Brant
 - 2. Louie Johnson
- * Tax Commission
 - 1. Lisa Red Wing
 - 2. Arnold White Jr.
- * TERO Commission
 - 1. Elwood Greybuffalo Sr.
 - 2. Sara Lincoln

Police Commission Representative

The deadline to submit ones name for the Police Commission District representative was December 23rd at 4:30 p.m. Since no District member submitted their name this will be advertised for an additional 30 days. With the deadline being Sunday, January 25th at noon to the District Secretary at the Buffalo Lake District Center in writing. For those submitting their name the election will be held during the January 25th, 2015 District meeting. You may submit your name earlier than the deadline if you so wish to do so. Please contact the District Secretary at 237-3521.

January District Meeting

January's District meeting will be held on Sunday the 25th at noon with dinner and the meeting to start at 1:00p.m. All boards and committees must supply the meeting with 10 copies of your committee minutes.

Telephone Numbers

District District Chairman Louie Johnson – 951-4960
Councilman Kenneth Johnson – 268-1049
Vice-Chairman Donovan White – 237-2928
Treasurer Kayline LaBelle – 927-9018
Secretary Lisa RedWing – 237-3521

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Job Openings

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate is seeking to fill the following positions(s):

Legal Analyst/Assistant, Legal Department
Outreach Worker, Realty
Project Director/Outreach Coordinator, Realty
Teacher, Early Head Start
Tutor (part-time), JOM
Administrative Assistant, Early Childhood Intervention Program
Tracking Paraprofessional, Early Childhood Intervention Program
Family Liaison/Intervention Paraprofessional, Early Childhood Intervention Program
Program Manager, Child Protection Program
Administrative Assistant/Office Manager, Head Start
Teacher Aide. Head Start

Closing Date: January 23rd, 2015 @ 04:30PM

All interested applicants may obtain application and job description information at the Human Resource Department, of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate or contact Arnold Williams at (605) 698-8238 or Denise Hill at (605) 698-8362. (Tribal preference will apply)



get results by ignoring the questions that have to be faced. No other topic dominates the agenda of Democratic legislators more than providing adequate funding to our public schools. We believe that education is the key to economic opportunity in the state of South Dakota.

State Government must meet its critical obligations and education tops that list. Teacher recruitment and retention is at a critical stage. There are now 1,004 teachers in SD who are eligible for retirement. Right now, there are only 726 in-state college seniors who will teach and there is no guarantee that even half of them will stay in SD. Some teaching majors (like upper level Calculus or Tech Ed) are in even shorter supply. It may be true that you go into teaching because you love the kids and not for the money, but it might be a bit easier to love the job in North Dakota for \$8,500 more. More “love” yet in Minnesota where average teacher salary is \$17,250 higher than SD. A multitude of studies have proven that even adjusting for cost of living factors, the pay gap is widening between SD and neighboring states. According to a survey of SD school administrators, even when the current school year started, we had a wide variety of unfilled teaching positions or positions being filled with teachers who are not fully certified. How can we ignore this crisis? Our students should be our primary natural resource. An educated and capable workforce is the key ingredient to economic development and protecting the quality of life we cherish in this great state.



Gaming Commissions rules and regulations. This position will be advertised until it is filled. Indian Preference will apply/ EEO. Contact the Human Resources Department for complete job descriptions at 1-800-658-4717 ext. 1652. If interested please fill out an application and submit to: Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel, Human Resources Department, 16415 Sioux Conifer Road, Watertown, SD 57201.

Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel Job Openings

Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel is seeking to fill the following position(s):
SECURITY: SECURITY SERGEANT (1 Full-Time)
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Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve you, the residents of District 1. Please feel free to contact me at rep.feickert@state.sd.us or call me at 605-216-3451 with any questions, concerns or comments. If you plan to travel to Pierre during the legislative session, please let me know as I would be honored to meet with everyone from back home in District 1.

District 1 Representative Steve McCleerey

Week one

The 90th Session of the South Dakota Legislature has started. The atmosphere in side is, so far, much warmer than the climate outside. But the bills and issues are all adding up quickly for so early.

Hot topic issues will be most likely again be education, especially concerning teacher shortages and teacher pay. Student proficiency and comprehension are issues hovering over us again.

The Governor’s State of the State message addressed the intent to focus largely with transportation, bridges and roads, which I was glad to hear, as this was one of my main issues in the primary election in our

Morris receives NSF funding for STEM education

Morris, MN – January 14, 2015 – The National Science Foundation has awarded \$893,041 in funding for the University of Minnesota, Morris Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) program. The goal of the project, under the direction of

and courteous manner when dealing with the customers and employees. Maintains security activities and performs credit transactions adhering to company, Tribal, State and Federal guidelines. Work closely with Casino & Hotel Management. **REQUIREMENTS:** Must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent. Must not have a felony on their record. Should have some type of law enforcement background. Supervisory experience is necessary. In-house security background will be considered. Must be physically fit and able to lift 40+ lbs. Capable of doing scheduling and administrative paperwork. Must obtain a Key Gaming License upon hire. This position will be advertised until it is filled.

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district. I am expecting that a lot of time will be spent on this issue- with two main bills addressing it currently. Governor’s Daugaard’s bill will bring in \$50 million in increased taxes and fees. The other, from Senator Vehle of Mitchell increases taxes and fees by \$100 million.

Keep in mind the echo of last summer and fall during the election “NO NEW TAXES!” Yea Right!!! But watch these bills carefully.

Hopefully we will make some progress on Medicaid Expansion and water issues. I am so pleased to have Taylor Gaikowski and Hailey Block as my pages for the first two weeks. They are great young adults with an admirable attitude to learn and to participate in our state government.

It is an honor for me to represent you in Pierre as your elected Representative from District 1. My committees are Health and Human Services, Education, and Retirement Laws. Please contact me with any issues or concerns. My email is Rep.McCleerey@state.sd.us and my phone number is 605-742-3112.

Representative Steven D. McCleerey.

Professor of Geology Jim Cotter, is to increase the number of Native American graduates in the areas of environmental sciences and sustainability.

The five-year program, began in 2014. It serves 30 student participants and eight undergraduate interns each year, for a total of 190 students by its conclusion in 2019. Program components include:

2015 Sisseton Winter Show

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 • 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 • 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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2015 Miss Rodeo South Dakota

2015 Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Kendra Peterson, will host a "Meet and Greet"

Friday Kids' Fun Night

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Wrestling Room
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FREE 4-H Pancake Supper

Friday, Jan. 23 • 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
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*IUSE Environmental Science and Sustainability summer program for tribal-college students,

*IUSE Summer Internship Program with local business, and

*IUSE Enrichment Program to provide advice for the transition after college.

According to Cotter, complex environmental challenges require interdisciplinary solutions. “It is equally true,” he says, “that approaches to the environment require a diversity of viewpoints.” He believes increasing the number of Native American scientists in the environmental fields through programs like UMM-IUSE will lead to broader perspective on approaches to the environment.

“Education is the long-term solution to complex environmental problems, and the goal of the UMM-IUSE program is to develop model programs in undergraduate STEM education,” he says. “This program will augment Morris’s efforts to take a leadership role in environmental education and will positively impact partnering communities.”

The UMM-IUSE program is only the latest NSF-funded opportunity for American Indian students at Morris. For 10 years the foundation has provided funding for Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) projects, led by Cotter, to encourage the participation of American Indian students in the sciences. NSF also recently funded the REU “Indigenous American to Indigenous Borneo,” led by Michael Ceballos, assistant professor of biology.

At Morris, American Indian students comprise 16 percent of the student body and have a six-year graduation rate of 61 percent, compared to the statewide average of 39. The campus also hosts the highest percentage of American Indian students in the University of Minnesota system.

The National Science Foundation IUSE program invites proposals that address immediate challenges and opportunities facing undergraduate STEM education as well as those that anticipate

new structures and functions of undergraduate learning and teaching. Additional information is available at nsf.gov.

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Free File launches; Helps taxpayers with new Health Care Law

Washington, DC - January 16, 2015 - The Internal Revenue Service and the Free File Alliance today announced the launch of Free File, which makes brand-name tax software products and electronic filing available to most taxpayers for free.

Free File software can help taxpayers with tax preparation, including the health care law that will affect almost everyone. People can use Free File software immediately but e-filed returns will not be transmitted to the IRS until Tuesday, January 20, when the filing season officially begins.

Free File is available only at IRS.gov/FreeFile, thanks to a partnership between the IRS and the Free File Alliance, a consortium of 14 leading tax software companies that make their branded products available for free. Since 2003, more than 43 million people have used Free File, saving \$1.3 billion based on a conservative \$30-fee estimate.

“You don’t have to be an expert on taxes or the new health care law. Free File software can help walk you through the rules and help you get it right,” said John A. Koskinen, IRS Commissioner. “For 12 years, this partnership between the IRS and the Free File Alliance has helped taxpayers save both money and time. The real winner in this partnership has been the nation’s taxpayers.”

Tim Hugo, executive director of the Free File Alliance, said, “We are proud to once again offer the industry’s most innovative and secure tax software at no cost to 70 percent of American taxpayers. Tax time can be stressful, but Free File makes step-by-step help accessible to everyone making \$60,000 or less. IRS.gov/FreeFile is the one place where taxpayers can choose from a variety of industry-leading tax software options in order to prepare

and e-file their federal tax returns at absolutely no cost.”

If you earned \$60,000 or less last year, you are eligible to choose from among 14 software products. If you earned more, you are still eligible for Free File Fillable Forms, the electronic version of IRS paper forms. This more basic Free File option, which is best for people comfortable preparing their own tax return, will be available January 20.

More than 70 percent of all taxpayers - 100 million people - are eligible for the software products. Each of the 14 companies has its own special offers, generally based on age, income or state residency. Taxpayers can review each company offer or they can use a “Help Me” tool that will find the software for which they are eligible.

Free File offers easy-to-use products that ask questions and you supply the answers. The software will find the right forms, find the right tax credits and deductions and even do the math for you.

Some companies also offer free state tax return preparation as well.

Free File also can help taxpayers with the new health care requirements. Almost everyone will need to do something new when filing a tax return this year. For each month in 2014, you and everyone on your return must:

*Report health care coverage, or

*Claim an exemption from coverage or

*Make a shared responsibility payment with your tax return.

Most people will simply have to check a box to report health care coverage for the entire year.

If you or anyone on your return purchased coverage from



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2015 Homeowners Education Six Month Class Schedule

Held on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

January 17th

February 21st

March 28th

April 25th

May 30th

June 27th

Classes Held at the Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority Administration Building

If interested, please contact one of the following agencies:

SWO Homebuyers Program (605)698-7707

Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority (605)698-3901

Redwind to offer Native American business incubator workshop

Agency Village, SD - RedWind is thrilled to hold its next workshop, hosted by the Economic Division of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. This small business incubator development workshop will be provided at the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Administration Building, Room Quad A, 108B Agency Village, South Dakota on Thursday, February 12th, 9:00am-4:00pm and Friday, February 13th, 9:00am-12:00pm.

All Native leaders, administrators and staff are invited to attend and strongly encouraged to register for this FREE two-day course for small business incubator development. The training workshop will benefit anyone who operates or is considering operating a business incubator.

This incubator workshop, one of (4) RedWind will hold this year, provides tribal leaders, economic development and small business development staff comprehensive information about starting up or running a small business incubator. Topics covered are: defining the incubator's role in the community, how to structure an incubator, developing incubator capabilities that may include the facility, resources, methods and tools, and how to integrate the incubator program into the fabric of the community and its broader economic tribal development goals.

RedWind will present this training in partnership with the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Economic Development Division.

The event is free to attend and open to the public. All class materials and refreshments will be provided to participants at no cost.

Harold (Sonny) Hill, the Sisseton Whapeton Oyate's Economic Development Director stated, "Our

Entertainment, educational programs to highlight 2015 Sisseton Winter Show

Enjoy a break from the cold winter weather this weekend by taking in the activities and entertainment at the 2015 Sisseton Winter Show to be held Jan.23-24 at the Sisseton High School Athletic Practice Facility. The two-day event, sponsored by the Sisseton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Glacial Lakes 4-H Rodeo Club, will include stage entertainment and educational programs. Hours for this year's show are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25. All events and demonstrations are open to the public. No admission will be charged. Vendor Area

Entertainment More than 70 exhibitors will be on display around the practice facility gymnasium. While browsing through the various booths and displays, Winter Show visitors will be treated to entertainment on the stage in the northwest corner of the gym. All main stage entertainment will be sponsored by Dacotah Bank and Coteau des Prairies Health Care System.

The schedule of entertainment will be as follows:

Friday, January 23
10:30 a.m.: Staying Safe on the Farm presented by Greg Weiser & Andrew Nelson
12:30 p.m.: The Runestone

goal is to provide technical assistance and training for the development of small businesses within our tribal communities. We are pleased to offer this free small business incubator training and hope that you will join us. Business development is one of the key elements in growing and sustaining our Native economies."

* To register, please use the following link: http://conta.cc/1tRnnhq, or contact Harold (Sonny) Hill: 605-698-4972, Ext. 8213; HaroldH@swo-nsn.gov or Linda Turnbull Lewis: 918-458-9322; ltlewis@nativesmallbusiness.org

If you would like more information about the trainings go to http://www.nativesmallbusiness.org/.

Native American Business Incubator Workshops are provided to Native communities across the country through support from the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA). The mission of the SBA is to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business by providing financial, contractual and business development assistance and advocating on their behalf within the government. More information about the SBA ONAA can be found at www.sba.gov/naa.

ONAA contracted with RedWind to provide the subject workshops through contract number: SBAHQ-14-F0102. RedWind is a Native operated technical assistance firm that helps transform and build strong tribal nations, enterprises and organizations. RedWind provides the experience and practical tools to help organizations meet the challenges facing tribal communities today. For more information about RedWind, please visit www.redwindgroup.com.

Rockettes from Alexandria, MN (emceed by 2015 Miss Rodeo SD Kendra Peterson)

1:30 p.m.: Students on Stage presented by SHS Oral Interp



2015 RODEO QUEEN TO PARTICIPATE IN SISSETON WINTER SHOW--2015 Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Kendra Peterson, will fill several roles during the Sisseton Winter Show Jan. 23-24. She will emcee the dance program by the Runestone Rockettes on Friday and will assist with the Celebrate Sisseton 125th Pie Auction on Saturday. Throughout the two days the Sisseton High School graduate will be available at a booth so guests can visit with her, get an autographed photo or have their picture taken with her. In the upcoming year Kendra will travel about 50,000 miles to over 40 different events to promote professional rodeo, South Dakota and the western lifestyle.

We are people of hope!


If you or someone you know needs to talk don't hesitate to call

Disaster Distress Helpline 1-800-985-5990

Native Youth Crises Line 1-877-209-1266

Suicide Prevention Line 1-800-273-8255 (TALK)

Human Service Agency 1-800-444-3989

Dakota Connection Month of Fun! January 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. Buy 2 get one free on level 3 Both sessions	2. HALF PRICE FULL PAY	3. Dbl. Fish, Pig, Bonus, Fireball #'s
4. Dbl. Points Sunday 1st purchase	5. Half price full pay 18-54	6. Regular Session	7. Regular Session	8. Buy 2 get one free on level 2 Both sessions	9. HALF PRICE FULL PAY	10. Dbl. Fish, Pig, Bonus, Fireball #'s
Tribal Council Special \$1000 Must Go!!!						
11. Dbl. Points Sunday 1st purchase	12. Half price full pay 55- Over	13. Regular Session	14. Regular Session	15. Buy 2 get one free on level 3 Both sessions	16. HALF PRICE FULL PAY	17. Dbl. Fish, Pig, Bonus, Fireball #'s
Tribal Council Special \$1000 Must Go!!!						
18. Dbl. Points Sunday 1st purchase	19. Half price full pay 18-54	20. Regular Session	21. Regular Session	22. Buy 2 get one free on level 2 Both sessions	23. HALF PRICE FULL PAY	24. Dbl. Fish, Pig, Bonus, Fireball #'s
Tribal Council Special \$1000 Must Go!!!						
25. Dbl. Points Sunday 1st purchase	26. Half price full pay 55-Over	27. Regular Session	28. Regular Session	29. Buy 2 get one free on level 3 Both sessions	30. HALF PRICE FULL PAY	31. Dbl. Fish, Pig, Bonus, Fireball #'s
Tribal Council Special \$1000 Must Go!!!						

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ORVILLE D. LABATTE ~Dad~

They Say There Is a Reason

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way I feel,
For no one knows the heartache,
That lies behind our smiles,
No one knows how many times
We have broken down and cried,
We want to tell you something
So there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to be without.
Author Unknown

Miss You Dad
With never-ending love ...
Orvella Rae, Buddy, Shennoa Gabrielle, Junebugger, Baby J.J., S. & Bentley

Students 2:30 p.m.: Computer Safety Concerns presented by Kiel Zinter of Tyler Computers in Milbank

3:30 p.m.: Protecting Your Identity presented by the SD Dept. of Consumer Protection

4:30 p.m.: Tae Kwon Do Demonstration by Tiger Tae Kwon Do students

6:00 p.m.: Comedy Juggling Show by Jason Huneke of St. Paul, MN

Saturday, January 24
10:30 a.m.: The Wing Its from Sisseton, SD

11:00 a.m.: Animal Encounter, up close and personal with animals from the Bramble Park Zoo in Watertown, SD

12:00 p.m.: Pie Auction to raise funds for Sisseton's 125th celebration in 2017

12:45 p.m.: Animal Encounter returns to the stage for Part 2

2:00 p.m.: Announcement of Door Prize Winners (Note: All scheduled entertainment and educational programs may be subject to change.)

Educational Programs The SHS Wrestling Room will be used for several educational programs this year. They will include:

Friday, January 23
11:00 a.m.: "Gardening Tips

from the Masters" presented by Master Gardeners from Grant and Roberts counties

12:00 p.m. "Tips & Products to Winterize Your Home" presented by Robert Biel

1:30 p.m. "Crime Prevention Tips" by Sgt. Jerome Stauss, Sisseton Police Department

3:00-6:00 p.m. Kids Play Land sponsored by Fisher Seeds. Activities will include a bouncy house, a corn box and snacks.

Saturday, January 24
9:00 a.m.: Legislative Crackerbarrel, join Dist. 1 Sen. Jason Frerichs and Dist. 1 Reps. Steve McCleerey and Dennis Fieckert as they share updates from the 2015 legislative session.

11:00 a.m. "How the Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Affects You" presented by Carla Burns from GROW SD & SBDC, a certified "Navigator" for the Affordable Care Act.

1:00 p.m.: "Do-It-Yourself Budget Savers", sponsored by Tri State Building Center and Teal's Market, presented by Kelly Hanson and Andrea Nelson

Free 4-H Pancake Feed
The annual 4-H Pancake Feed will once again be provided FREE thanks to the support of Venture Communications Cooperative.

Roberts County 4-H leaders and members will be cooking and serving pancakes and sausages in the SHS cafeteria from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23. Freewill donations for 4-H activities in the county will be accepted.

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Dakota 38 + 2 Meeting

January 31st & February 1st 2015

10am-4pm

Dakota Sioux Casino Watertown, SD (Tatanka Room)

We, as a group, will be providing the meal. So please feel free to bring a dish!

Contact Information:
Lee Ann Eastman 605-231-3680
DaVonna Keeble 605-237-8060

For hotel reservations please call 1-800-658-4717
Mention Dakota 38 Meeting when making reservations rooms are \$40+tax/night

New column for young Oyate reporters

The Sota is planning to introduce a new column suggested by Assistant Editor Sierra Wolcott.

It will feature young Oyate writers. Each week we will select an article written by any of our Oyate aged 13 or under (8th grade or lower).

We are looking for news articles on any of these topics:

- Current events (local, state, country, or world)
- Interview with a role model (elder, politician, teacher, older student that you look up to, etc)
- Issues that affect us (environmental, health, etc)
- What I want to do to help



my people”
•Or editorials or opinion pieces
The only other guideline is that you write the piece on your own. Please submit articles by Thursday at noon of each week so that we have time to review. If your article is chosen to be printed in the Sota you will receive a Wal-Mart gift card and a “Young Reporter” certificate.

Watch for more information, but articles can be submitted to the Sota, P.O. Box 5, Wilmot, SD 57279 or by email to the editor at earthskyweb@cs.com/.



Zelma Flute giving her Tribal enrollment report. (Sota photo by John Heminger.)



KXSW Radio announcer Tom Wilson interviews Jim Pearson about emergency readiness. (Sota photo by John Heminger.)

Scholarship opportunity for Native students

The American Indian Education Foundation (AIEF) is now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 American Indian Education Foundation Scholarship. The scholarship is available to those students who are enrolled Tribal members or to those who are a descendent to a federally recognized American Indian tribe. The applicant must be enrolled as a fulltime student at an accredited 2 or 4 year college/university or



the Health Insurance Marketplace, you may be allowed to take the Premium Tax Credit. If you opted for any advance payments of the Premium Tax Credit to help with your monthly insurance premium payments, you must file a tax return, even if you were not required to file. You must reconcile your advance payments with the amount you were due. Learn more at IRS.gov/aca.

Free File will be available through October 2015. Taxpayers have the option to prepare their return at any time and schedule a tax payment as late as the April 15 deadline. Taxpayers who cannot meet the April 15 tax filing deadline can also use Free File to file a six-month extension.

Here are some common tax-related documents you will need to complete your tax return. Remember, you must also have documentation of any credit or deduction you are claiming as well.

- *A copy of last year’s tax return;
- *Valid Social Security numbers for yourself, spouse and children;
- *All income statements, i.e. W-2 forms, from all employers;
- *Interest/dividend statements, i.e. 1099 forms;
- *Form 1099-G showing any state refunds;
- *Unemployment compensation amount, if any;
- *Form 1095-A if you purchased coverage from a Health Insurance Marketplace;
- *Proof of health care insurance coverage for you and everyone on your return.

technical/vocational school in order to apply for the scholarship.

It is the mission of The American Indian Education Foundation to support American Indian students in achieving their dreams through completion of post-secondary school. Through the scholarship program AIEF continues to encourage Native American students through a \$2,000 award to those students who demonstrate the desire to seek continued success through higher education. You can find the scholarship application for undergraduate and graduate students at www.aiefprograms.org where you will find a direct link

New Year’s Resolution: Debt Free in 2015

Brookings, SD – According to a survey conducted by GoBanking Rates about 25 percent of individuals include paying down debt on their 2015 list of New Year’s Resolutions.

“Paying down debt not only helps your credit score, which can lower interest rates on future loans, but also relieves a lot of stress on individuals and families,” said Carrie Johnson, Assistant Professor & SDSU Extension Family Resource Management Specialist. If you’re among the 25 percent, Johnson shares some smart money tips to help you achieve your goal.

Tips to paying down Know How Much You Owe: Knowing what debts you currently have is the first step in becoming debt free. You need to know who you owe and how much you owe them. Johnson suggested that readers use a net worth tool found on iGrow.org to help them organize their debts and encouraged them to update this tool annually.

to the downloadable form fillable application as well as information for the scholarship.

The deadline to submit the application is April 4, 2015. Students are encouraged to get their application in by March 1st as they do receive an extra scholarship point and that one point could be the point they need to get the award!

For more information, or to apply, contact:
Onna LeBeau
American Indian Education Foundation
Collaboration and Training Coordinator
National Relief Charities
2401 Eglin Street
Rapid City, SD 57703
605.399.9905 x 418
olebeau@nrc1.org

or even longer to be debt free.
Johnson said there are several questions you need to answer to understand what debt free means to you.
“Can you truly be debt free, or are you just planning on getting rid of higher interest rate credit card debt? You probably won’t be able to pay off a mortgage or student loans in one year. How drastically are you planning on changing your current standard of living? Where are you going to find the extra money to pay down debt? After tracking your expenses, can you find extra money to use towards your debt?”
Get Help if Needed: Find a credit or debt counselor to help you if needed. If you have more debt than you can possibly try to tackle yourself find a professional who can help you through the process.
To learn more, visit iGrow.org.

Disaster Distress Helpline

PHONE: 1-800-985-5990

TEXT: “TalkWithUs” to 66746

2015 SWO PUBLIC ICE FISHING DERBY

February 07, 9 AM - 2 PM

South Buffalo Lake

Incase of bad weather alternate date : February 21st

\$2,625.00 In cash prizes Plus other prizes

	Largest	Northern	Walleye	Perch	Bass	Other Pan Fish
1st Place	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$100
2nd Place	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$75
3rd Place	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$50

Registration: Starts at 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$5.00 per adult, youth up to 16 years of age are free.

Door Prizes: Numerous door prizes will be given throughout the day for all registered participants.

Youth Prizes: There will be separate door prize drawings for all registered youth participants throughout the day.

Raffle Drawing: A raffle for (1) Fish House Otter XT650, (1) Vexilar FL-12 Pro Pack II, (1) Strike Master MAG 2000 Ice Auger \$1.00 a Ticket, Winners will be drawn at the conclusion of the derby.

Concessions: Concessions will be available with buffalo burgers, chili, coffee, hot chocolate and other delicious items.

Bait: Minnows will be provided for those in need. Ice fishing holes will be drilled upon request.

Bring the whole family out for a great Time on the ice!
Any questions may be directed to the SWO Fish and Wildlife Dept. @ 698-8353

NATIVE AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURIAL EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS

Native Leaders & Staff Invited To Attend A Business Incubator Workshop

Attend a FREE Native American Business Incubator Workshop! Training by RedWind In Partnership with the Economic Development Division of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe in Agency Village, South Dakota

- FREE 2-Day Native American Small Business Incubator Workshop
- Thursday, February 12th (9am-4pm) and Friday, February 13th (9am-12:00 pm)
- At the SWO Tribal Administration Building, Room Quad A, 108B Agency Village, SD 57262
- Class materials & refreshments provided
- Please register on-line: <http://conta.cc/1tRnnhq>
- Or contact Harold (Sonny) Hill: 605-698-4972, Ex. 8213; HaroldH@swo-nsn.gov; or Linda Turnbull Lewis: 918-458-9322; ltlewis@nativesmallbusiness.org

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